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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ICELANDIC CHICAGO-BAHRAIN SERVICE

- 1. TRANS WORLD AIRWAYS (TWA) HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 11 ICELANDIC AIRLINES PLANS OPERATING DIRECT ONCE WEEKLY DC-8 SERVICE BETWEEN CHICAGO AND BAHRAIN VIA REYKIJAVIK AND LUXEMBOURG. FARES TO BE CHARGED ARE REPORTEDLY BELOW IATA LEVEL.
- 2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM WITH ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES ABOVE REPORT. IF TRUE, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE INFORMAL REPRESENTATION EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN THAT PROPOSED BAHRAIN SERVICE APPEARS TO CONTRADICT THE SPIRIT OF THE MODUS VIVENDI OF JUNE 24, 1970 WHICH ADDRESSED CAPACITY PROBLEMS BETWEEN US AND EUROPE. EXLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PANSION OF ICELANDIC SERVICE TO MIDDLE EAST (EVEN IF CAPACITY LEVEL BETWEEN US AND EUROPE WERE TO BE WITHIN THOSE SET FORTH IN MODUS VIVENDI) APPEARS TO BE DEVIATION FROM TENDENCY TOWARD MUTUAL ACCOMODATION WHICH IS NECESSARY TO WORK OUT PROBLEMS OF UNWARRANTED EXCESS AIRLINE CAPACITY. IF THE ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES WISH TO EXPAND

THEIR BEHIND HOMELAND SERVICE, WE BELIEVE THE APPROPRIATE FIRST STEP WOULD BE FOR THEM TO REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH THE US.

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3. FURTHER USG ACTION WILL BE CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF EMBASSY'S RESPONSE.
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